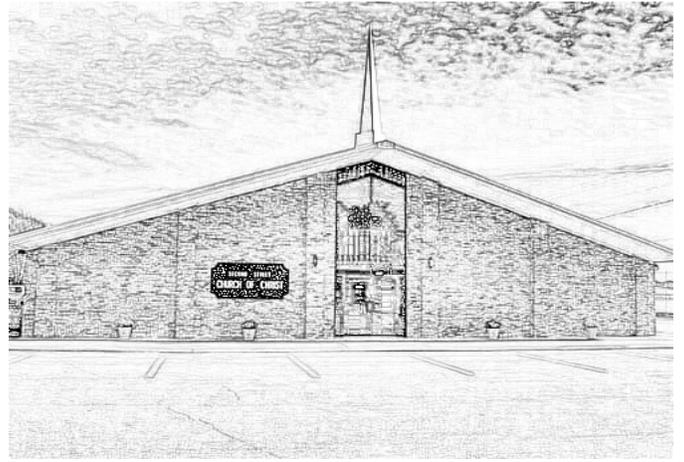


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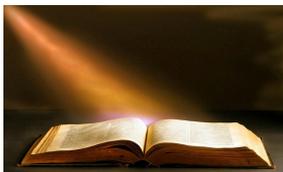
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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class....9:00am
Sun. Morn. Worship.10:00am
Sunday Evening.....5:00pm
Wed. Evening.....7:00pm

***Endeavoring to keep
the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3***

How to Face Fiery Trials

The Roman Emperor Nero began persecuting Christians on a very horrible and violent level. Tacitus, the Roman historian, records that “Nero falsely accused and executed with the most exquisite punishments those people called Christians...And perishing they were additionally made into sports: they were killed by dogs by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were nailed to crosses or set aflame, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as nighttime lamps. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle...” (Annals, translated by Richard Hooker).

It was during this time that Peter would have written his first epistle to Christians who would undergo some of these executions. His encouragement to them was to stay faithful to Christ. He wrote in 1 Pet. 1:7 that some of them would have their faith “tested by fire.” The thought of being torn apart by dogs, crucified, or burned as torches to light the night would be enough to panic the bravest of souls. So in the first ten verses of chapter one, Peter reminds his readers of three principal Christian truths that would serve to strengthen them in times of difficulty. These are good for every Christian to take note of when facing trials.

First, Christians must not forget what God had done in their lives. God has “sanctified” (1:2) and “begotten” (1:3) us. This was done at our baptism where the blood of Jesus (1:2) was contacted. The power in our hope is through His resurrection (1:3). (Note also 1 Pet. 3:21.)

Second, Christians need to remember what God has promised to do. He has promised salvation (1:10), an inheritance that will never fade away (1:4), and the reservation of a place in heaven (1:4).

Finally, Christians should bear in mind what God is doing. He is in control of every situation and is regulating it so that our faith can be purified and strengthened (1:7). He is making it so that we can always express joy (1:6,8).

The thought of persecution or difficult times can cause one’s heart to miss a beat. But knowing what God is doing through the trials helps God’s people not to miss a step.

*Edd Sterchi
Campbellsville, KY
Bulletin Digest*

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Announcements

Welcome Visitors!! You are our honored guest, and we are glad you came our way! We invite you back to our evening services at 5:00 and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 pm.

Bear Stuffing Tuesday April 11th.

Scripture & Song followed by fellowship meal tonight.

Bible heroes spent their time doing what they knew God required not worrying about things they didn't understand. [OCM]

LOVE



ONE ANOTHER!



Title of today's sermon:

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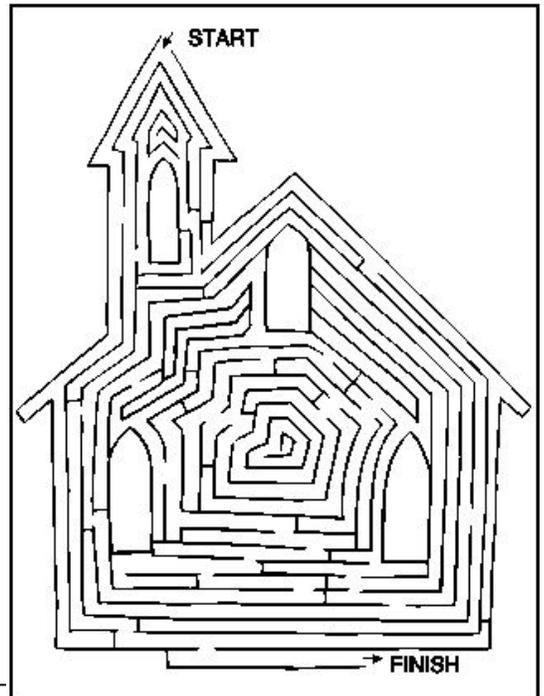
TIMES?

Count how many times you hear these words:

TIME:

JESUS or LORD:

SOUL:



Draw a picture from the lesson.

Are We Bringing Our Children Up or Down?

Rules for Bringing Up a Child:

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place we can.
2. Make him responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish in anger nor to relieve our own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Encourage him to invite friends to our home and table.
6. Impress on his mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him so you will be able to talk of Christ to him.
8. Let him see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
10. Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

Rules for Bringing Down a Child:

1. Let him have plenty of money to spend as he likes.
2. Permit him to choose his companions without restraint or guidance.
3. Let him spend Sunday on the street or with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's day.
4. Allow him to go out at night as he pleases and return when he gets ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure time.
6. Teach him to expect pay for all help at home and for all service to others.
7. Allow him to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble to interest him in the Bible or to win him to Christ.
9. Let him see that you think church attendance is not important.
10. Never let him hear you pray, especially for his salvation.

“Bring them UP in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Allen Webster Bulletin Digest

Revealing Authenticity

An online dictionary defines the term authentic as the following: not false or copied; genuine; real. With the use of social media in today's world, being authentic has taken a backseat to having the “perfect” image online. We have become obsessed with ourselves and making ourselves as near-perfect as possible.

Social media is inundated with selfies. But most selfies have multiple shots to get the right lighting or background. Then quite often the selfie is given a filter. Before long, the selfie is more like a professional glamor shot rather than an authentic or genuine picture. We quite often filter our lives to show others what we want them to see. We rarely show our true, real, genuine self.

And that is just our pictures. What about our words? Are our conversations truly authentic? Do we often use our screens to hide behind instead of taking time to have face to face discussions? We must have true, genuine, authentic conversations with friends and loved ones to have deep relationships.

Technology allows us to manage our image. We can't let technology and social media keep us from being a follower of Christ. When we “project” an image on social media, we often are hiding or keeping things away from viewers. That can typically be sin. We must strive to seek ourselves less and seek God more.

John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Our life shouldn't be about obtaining the most friends, followers, likes, etc. on social media. Your identity is not determined by your followers, but rather who you are following in your life.

Who are you following?

Nick Pace

Glasgow, KY Buletin Digest

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study **9:00am**
Worship **10:00am**
Evening **5:00pm**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7:00pm**

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

The process for becoming a Christian is
the same as it was over 2000 years ago!
To become a Christian, one must:

Hear the Gospel - Rom. 10:17

Believe the Gospel - Heb. 11:6

Repent of Sins - Luke 13:3

Confess Christ - Rom. 10:10

Be Immersed Into Christ - Acts 2:38

Live a Faithful Life - Rev. 2:10

None of these alone will make you a
Christian. These commands are from
God and must be obeyed from the heart
to become a Christian.

Prayer List

Paula Wanner	Dianne Vandagriff
Faye Johnson	Cassie Tierce
Phillip Pharr	Elizabeth Posey
Stephanie Moore	Virginia Higginbottom
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Carolyn Holcomb	Ellie Sander
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Lynn Sander	Brenda Leatherwood
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
David James	Joel Robbins
Jimmy Searcy	Wayne Thomason
Tim Thomas	Margie Pharr
Lena Hammett	Alton Cleghorn
Susan Vandagriff	Kathy Alexander



April Birthdays

Amber Johnson 4/21

April Anniversaries

James & Bonnie 4/15

Sympathy

Ricky Russell Family